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Initial line-up announced for festival

THE initial line-up for this year's Village Green festival was announced on Tuesday.

Organisers revealed international artists will perform alongside local talent.

One of the bigger acts confirmed so far is Eddi Reader who hit the charts with her single 'Perfect'.

An international act comes in the form of New York based ska band The Slackers.

Local acts will include Dan Le Sac vs Scrubious Pip, a hip hop duo, Youth Club and Goldmasters Allstars who all hale from Southend.

London based band Man Like Me will also be performing at the one day event.

New for this year is the Kids Village a park dedicated to activities for families and children.

The event will be held on Saturday, July 12, from 11am to 10pm.

The *Yellow Advertiser* is an official sponsor for the event for the second year running.

Just 25,000 tickets are available and must be bought directly from the Metal Culture website. Comedian Phil Jupitus bought the first ticket on Tuesday.

All children under ten can enter the festival for free, youngsters between the ages of 11 and 17 will pay £5 and adults £10.

There will also be 500 free tickets for people with Southend Advantage Card Members (Category C) on a first come first serve basis from the Civic Centre, In Victoria Avenue.

Collette Bailey, artistic director at Metal, said



VILLAGE GREEN: Comedian Phil Jupitus with his ticket with Sean McLoughlin, Metal senior producer

the money from tickets would help subsidise the festival alongside other money from Arts Council funding and funding from Southend council.

She said: "The power of collective contributions will make all the difference in the world and make the festival more sustainable in the future.

"Metal will be building on last year's fantastic relationship with the *Yellow Advertiser*, with the

paper going out to towns along the estuary. We know we got a great audience from that last year."

Mick Ferris, editor of the *Yellow Advertiser*, said: "We're delighted to be involved with Village Green for the second year running.

"The festival reinforces Southend's status as a town with art and culture at its heart."

To book tickets visit Metals website www.metalculture.com or ring Skiddle on 0844 8442920.

'ONE OF LIFE'S ANGELS'

By Paul Giles

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THE family of a mother who died after an alleged stabbing have paid tribute to her.

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For further information and tickets, which cost £8 when booked in advance, £10 on the day and are free for children aged 16 and under, visit www.warrenclassic.co.uk

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DEVASTATED: Staff Philip Grice and Brenda Flack, both volunteer shop assistants, and manager Vanessa Seymour outside the Rochford Havens Hospice shop that was raided

Picture by MARK CLEVELAND

How could they?

Burglars raid charity shop raising money for hospice patients

THE Havens Hospices charity shop in Rochford was forced to close its doors to customers after a break-in.

Thieves broke into the West Street, Market Square premises through the rear of the property at some point between late on Tuesday, February 18, and the early hours of Wednesday, February 19.

The float from the till, along with a collection tin was taken.

The incident is the third of its kind in under a year following break-ins at Havens Hospices' Southend and Hornchurch based shops in 2013, and

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has left staff and volunteers across the organisation feeling disheartened.

It is estimated the value of cash taken was in the region of £100.

The shop was closed on the morning of Wednesday which staff believes could have cost them a further £100 worth of donations.

The money is vital for seriously ill adults and children at the charity's two hospices, Fair Havens in Chalkwell and Little Havens, in Thundersley.

Vanessa Seymour, who has been managing the popular market-town branch since 2010, said the shop is an integral part of the community.

She said: "The money raised each day goes towards caring for local families going through heart-breaking and distressing time of their lives."

Vanessa added: "I am deeply saddened and dismayed that someone could steal from a charity."

The shop reopened on the afternoon of Wednesday, once police had completed their investigations.

Vanessa explained: "It's a very

unsettling feeling knowing that someone has broken in.

"Day to day, it is a very rewarding job, especially when you hear directly from people who the hospices have helped, and that's why something like this is so disappointing to us all."

Locals were also saddened at news of the break-in, she said. "I am very grateful to my team of volunteers and the local people for their words of support so far and we hope to be back to business as usual very soon."

Anyone with information about the burglary should call Police on 101.

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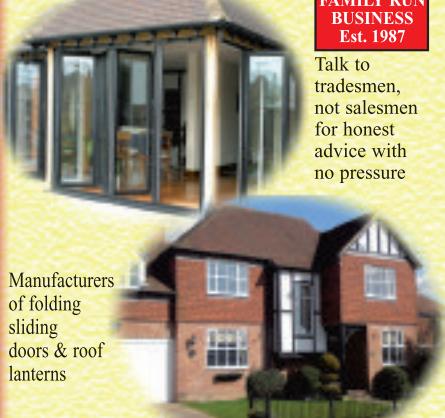
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Did you go to woman's aid?

POLICE investigating an alleged rape are appealing for some witnesses to come forward.

They want to trace a group of 16 to 18-year-olds who helped a woman between 5.30am to 6am on Sunday, January 26, in the area of Southend East train station and Ambleside Drive.

The group of around five people, four male and one female, were wearing casual clothing and hooded tops.

They called a taxi for the woman, 21, who was blonde and wore a peach coloured dress.

If you were part of this group, contact DC Carol Sartain at the Rayleigh 101.

• A man, 23, from Southend is currently on police bail having been arrested on suspicion of rape until March 31.

'Gasman' thief

POLICE have published an e-fit after a distraction burglary in Glendale Gardens, Leigh.

The man, below, had called at the house below on December 18, claiming to be a gas meter reader. It was only two days later that the victim, a 56-year-old man, realised that four men's Omega and Tag Heuer watches had been taken from his dining room.



DC Shelley Utley said the 5ft 9in man had a fake identity card. Checks revealed he was bogus. Call police on 101.

Baby fire victim

A THREE-month-old baby was treated for smoke inhalation after a blaze at a house in Northumberland Crescent, in Southend, on February 20.

Leanne tribute

From front page

Leanne Meecham, died on Friday, February 21, in the Royal London Hospital.

Police were called to her home in Park Street, Westcliff, on Thursday, February 13, around 9.30am. She died eight days later from a brain injury that was the result of a cardiac arrest due to a stab wound to her throat.

In a tribute from her family they said Leanne was a beautiful woman and a much loved daughter, sister and mother who always put the happiness of others before her own.

The family said: "She was a devoted mother and a best friend to her siblings and was always there for anyone who ever needed her help."

"Leanne would not let people worry about her and even when times were tough for her she showed that she was one of life's angels. "Leanne's tragic and untimely death has left a massive hole in all of our lives that none of us will ever be able to fill and she will never be forgotten by those who love her."

"We hope that Leanne is now in peace and that justice be allowed to take its course."

● A 42 year-old man, Simon Meecham, from Southend, has been charged with Leanne's murder.

He appeared at Chelmsford Crown Court, on Monday, February 24, and was remanded in custody until Wednesday, April 30.

HARP appeal



SEVERE WEATHER: Sharon Chan (HARP Street Outreach Worker) - Michelle Noad (HARP Team Leader) and Alina Kaminska (HARP Street Outreach Worker)

THE Homeless Action Resource Project (HARP) are appealing to people to help people sleeping rough on the street.

The appeal goes out after recent high winds and persistent rain combined with plummeting temperatures have made it dangerous for people living outside.

HARP aims to provide a warm bed for the night for every rough sleeper who appears at their door.

They also provide hot meals for the homeless and provide a sleeping bag and blankets for shelter from the cold.

Anyone seeking HARP's help will also have access to their full range of services including health checks, housing and financial advice and homeless prevention.

Gill Garwood, chief executive at HARP, said people were at the heart of everything the charity does.

He said: "We want to ensure no-one has to resort to sleeping on the street in severe or hazardous weather."

"The council, local churches and HARP all work together to ensure everyone has warmth, food and shelter at these times."

"HARP provides a street outreach team and picks up anyone we find rough sleeping and takes them to a safe place."

"If you see someone sleeping rough please telephone the Streetlink number."

If members of the public are concerned about someone sleeping rough, they should call 0300 500

0914 or use www.streetlink.org.uk. Streetlink is a national alert system used by HARP.

When an alert comes through, HARP's outreach support workers will respond to the call and help in any way they can.

HARP's resources are extremely stretched through the winter months and there is still more work to do reaching out to Southend's rough sleepers.

The charity has said it is finding it difficult to attend to everyone during the recent bouts of severe weather and is asking for donations towards a Severe Weather Appeal.

A donation of £10 could help somebody find a safe place the night visit www.harpsouthend.org.uk or call 01702 615000.

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Man robbed at cashpoint

A 20-YEAR-OLD man was hit over the back of the head in Southend after he had withdrawn cash from the NatWest cash machine in the High Street.

The next thing the victim remembers is being treated by staff at the Mayhem nightclub for a head wound. He later discovered that £20 had been stolen.

The robbery occurred between 1.45am and 2am on Saturday, February 22.

Anyone who was in the High Street at the time and saw anything suspicious or who has any other information about this offence is asked to call PC Victoria Leese at Southend Police Station or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Burglary at flat

A FLAT in Westcliff was broken into after ladders were left in the back garden.

Between 4.50am and 7pm on Monday, February 10, the flat in Whitefriars Crescent, was broken into after the ladder was used to gain entry through a window.

Stolen from inside was a three-figure sum of cash, a Makita power drill and a distinctive men's 24 carat gold Girard Perregaux watch worth more than £1,000. Residents are reminded of the importance of securing any ladders they own in outbuildings, sheds or garages.

Anyone with information is asked to contact DC Andy Copley at Southend CID on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Road closed

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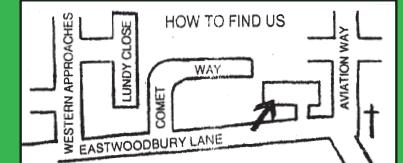
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CATS Protection have a Homing Show on Saturday, March 1, at St James Church

Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh on Sea between 10.30am to 1 pm.

Please call Rita on 01702 710630 if you would like more information on adopting or just go along.

Energy conference first for council

SOUTHEND Council will hold its first Low Carbon Schools and Community Energy Conference on Wednesday, March 5, to coincide with Climate Week.

The conference, that will

be held at the Forum, Southend, brings together schools, community groups and the public sector to showcase existing transformational opportunities through low-carbon programmes and

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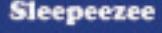
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Planetarium support is 'out of this world'

AN amateur astronomer has been inundated with emails and Facebook requests after appearing in the *Yellow Advertiser*.

Craig Bowers, 31, of Headcorn Close, Basildon, became a celebrity of the stargazing world after we reported last week that Basildon Council boss Tony Ball (Con) was considering his plan for an astronomy base at Wat Tyler Country Park.

Mr Bowers emailed the suggestion to Cllr Ball ahead of plans by Essex County Council to switch off the borough's street lights every night between midnight and 5am.

He said: "The extremely positive response I've had is out of this world. Lots of people seem to be in support and I hope Basildon Council will take note of that."

Mr Bowers set up a Facebook page which gained almost 100 members within three hours. It now has almost 300 members and is still rapidly growing.

To visit the Facebook page, titled 'Wat Tyler Country Park Planetarium Campaign', visit: tinyurl.com/pqzu3v7

He explained: "A lot of people are upset about the lights being

switched off but I think it is a fantastic opportunity to explore a new hobby. If you had an educational facility there to teach children about the sky at night, Wat Tyler would essentially become an approved astronomical area. People could just turn up with their telescopes. Schools and cub scout groups could go there on trips."

Within three days of the YA hitting streets last Friday, Mr Bowers had received more than 40 emails and Facebook messages in support of his idea.

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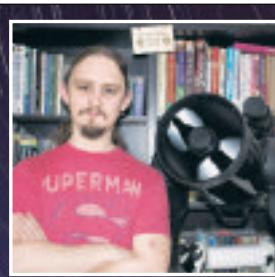
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...and this week museum is star-gazing, too...

HEAVENS above! Southend Central Museum will be celebrating National Astronomy week at the start of March.

Between Saturdays, March 1 and 8, the museum will be holding astronomical themed activities 11am-4pm.

There will be planetarium shows and visitors will be able to handle meteorites at the museum in Victoria Avenue.



EXCITED: Craig Bowers, inset, wants Basildon Council to open an observatory. Main picture, a long-exposure picture by Craig of stars swirling over Basildon. Below, Steve Camplin with one of the cross sections of a meteorite at Southend Museum

Museum picture by MARK CLEVELAND



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Wander along...

PEOPLE are being invited to take part in lunchtime walks.

They leave every Wednesday at 12.30pm from the fountain outside the Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend.

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Classic day out

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Southend councillor for culture and tourism Derek Jarvis said: "Classic vehicles are endlessly fascinating, so we feel sure they'll become a special attraction ... we're grateful to our seafront traders for the free breakfasts for the drivers."

For more information, contact Roger on 01702 512725 or visit www.essexclassicvehicles.co.uk

Find your Eden

THE Eden Project is inviting people to take part in the Big Lunch on Sunday, June 1.

Last year involving more than 3.65 million people, it aims to help build stronger, safer and more sustainable communities.

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Book reveals town's secrets

A SOUTHEND author has released a book about the secrets that the town holds.

Dee Gordon, has published the book through the history press.

The book called The Secret History of Southend on Sea, focuses on a brief history of the town, as well as secret places and people that have lived in the town.

Mrs Gordon said she had spent just under a year researching and writing the book.

She said: "I asked the publishers if they wanted me to write the book as I knew they were covering the whole of the UK.

"This is the first in the series they are releasing.

"It was difficult to research, finding secrets isn't the easiest thing to do.

"When I went to the Essex Records Office, in Chelmsford, they asked what I was looking for and I said secrets but you don't know where to find them until you start the research."



BOOK: Dee Gordon has written a book about the secret history of Southend



POEMS: Ray Morgan who has released a book of her poetry based around the Estuary

Crest of a wave

A POET is having international success with an anthology of poems she has written about the Estuary.

Ray Morgan, who is the assistant artistic director of Sundown Arts, said the book, 'I Am the Swell Of Each Wave' came about after doing a 15 minute reading at the Shorelines Festival last year.

She said: "I have always lived in Leigh on Sea and the estuary has always inspired me to write poems, and the sea has often cropped up in my other writing too.

"I decided to get the book printed myself, as as much as I love poetry it is very hard to find a publisher as not many people actually buy books of poetry in the shops.

"Poets are waiting for a resurgence in poetry books in the same way vinyl has become popular again."

Now Ray has sold a copy of her book to someone in Belgium just one week after it was officially released.

She will also be performing a selection of her work at the Squeezebox Folk event, at Squeeze, Leigh, on Friday, March 28.

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Knifeman puts on balaclava during robbery

By Paul Giles

southend@yellowad.co.uk

A KNIFEMAN put on a sinister balaclava mask as he robbed a pedestrian, police have reported.

Detectives want to hear from anyone who recognises an e-fit of the attacker. They are hunting him in connection with the robbery in Milton Road into Westcliff Parade, towards Cliffs Pavilion, Westcliff.

Officers say a 20-year-old man from the Southend area was walking in the street at about 1.30pm on Wednesday, January 22, when he was approached by a man carrying a knife who put on a balaclava.

The knifeman demanded the victim's phone but he refused.

The victim gave the attacker £10 instead and ran off to get help.

The suspect is described as white, of slim build, in his late teens to early twenties, and about 5ft 8in. He had thick bushy eyebrows and grey eyes.

He was clean shaven with a spotty complexion, and wore a dark blue New York Yankees baseball cap.

The balaclava he put on was dark blue with a pattern of crossed guns over it. Anyone with information can contact detectives at Southend on 101. Alternatively, they can call independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



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Young people and employers urged to back local Apprenticeships in South Essex

Local young people will have the opportunity to apply for a growing number of Apprenticeship vacancies at an event held by Seevic College during National Apprenticeships Week.

The College's Apprenticeships Job Fair will be held at The Icon, located in Southernhay, Basildon on Thursday 6 March, 4pm - 7pm.

Data released by the National Apprenticeship Service (NAS) earlier this month revealed that Apprenticeships are growing in popularity among both employers and young people.

Apprenticeship vacancies posted online on the NAS website increased by 24% during 2013, with online applications also up by 43%.

The success rate of Seevic College's Apprenticeship provision is 15% higher than the national average, with 87% of Apprentices successfully completing their programme of study compared to 71.9% nationally.

Visitors to the Apprenticeships Job Fair will be able to apply for more than 40 existing Apprenticeship vacancies offered by the College. The event will also include a CV Clinic and Interview Workshops, in addition to advice and guidance provided by the College's qualified Careers Advisers.

Deputy Director for Employer & Provider Services (London) at the Skills Funding Agency Jill Lowery said: "It's great to see Seevic College recognising the value of

Apprenticeships and the great benefits of developing a motivated and skilled new workforce in Essex and London.

"In today's economic climate it is more important than ever to encourage ambition and support young people to develop fulfilling careers. Apprenticeships do just this, providing a way for them to earn while they learn in a real job, gaining a real qualification and setting them up for a promising future in their chosen career path."

Seevic College offers Apprenticeships across eight employment sectors: AAT Accounting, Beauty Therapy, Business Administration, Customer Service, Childcare, Health & Social Care, Marketing and Pharmacy.

97% of Seevic College's Apprenticeship employers indicate that they are satisfied with the overall quality of training and assessment provided by the College, with nine out of ten saying they would recommend hiring an Apprentice to other employers.

National Apprenticeships Week, now in its seventh year, takes place from 3-7 March.

Visitors can pre-book their place at the College's Apprenticeships Job Fair online in advance at www.seevic-college.ac.uk or come along on the day.

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Static bike ride to raise £600,000 for keyhole surgery

FUNDRAISERS are asking people cycle 60 miles to raise money for a hospital.

The Keyhole Cancer Appeal has five static bikes and was at Southend Airport for get recruits for its Around the World 80 Days (AW80D) fundraiser.

The appeal is trying to help raise £600,000 for a new state-of-the-art keyhole surgery theatre at Southend Hospital, which will increase the quality and quantity of a wide variety of operations.

Lucy Thomas-Clayton, Southend Hospital associate director for community engagement, explained that each day the five static bikes need to cover 60 miles each. She said: "If you'd like to take part, but the distance seems too far, then you can share a day on the bike with a friend, or group of mates. All we ask is that people raise a minimum of £15 in sponsorship, either as an individual or team."

"And although the main aim of AW80D is to raise money for the new laparoscopy equipment and unit, we expect that a level of competition will creep in. So, we'll have prizes for the fastest male and female riders to complete the 60 miles and for the person or group raising most money."

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Motorcyclist hurt avoiding crash

A MOTORCYCLIST was left with cuts and bruises after he slid his bike to avoid a collision.

A van allegedly pulled out in front of the 38-year-old motorcyclist in Hamlet Court Road, Westcliff, causing the rider to take evasive

action. It happened outside a pharmacy, at 8.30am, on February 18.

The driver of the van didn't remain at the scene and the injured man was treated for cuts and bruises by paramedics.

Investigating officer PC Matt

Geldart said he was aware there were a lot of bystanders and people walking by when the motorcyclist ended up on the ground.

He said: "We would like each and every one of them to contact us so that we can piece together their

information to identify the van and locate its driver."

The van is described as white, unsigned and slightly smaller than a Transit. Any witnesses are urged to contact road policing officers at Southend police station on 101.

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Officers have appealed for anyone with information to contact them.

Mr Miles is believed to be without his medication and may become disorientated.

He is described as white, 6ft 3in tall, medium build, blue eyes, with blond untidy hair and a ginger beard.

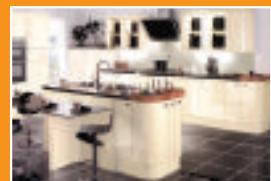
He speaks with a London accent and may be wearing black Converse trainers with a green undersole, blue jeans and a black hoodie with a monkey logo.

Anyone who knows the location of Mr Miles is asked to call police on 101.



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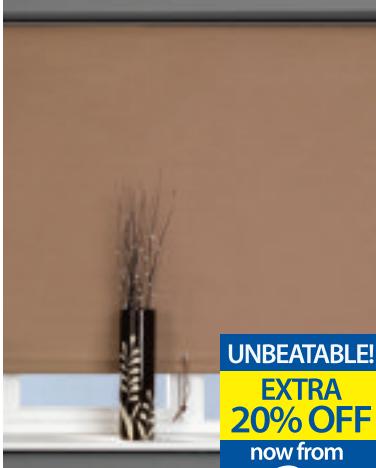
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Guantanamo - another false promise

GUANTANAMO Prison seems to be rarely mentioned in the mainstream media anymore (except perhaps on RT.com, Russian TV in English). It has now been in operation for at least 13 years. The prisoners are held there without cause, trial or even a specific accusation.

Obama made a pre-election promise to 'close it on day one'. That was more than five years ago and that promise - like most things that politicians promise - has long ago disappeared into the fog of the past.

American government officials pretend, that since it's not in the US, it doesn't come under any of its laws - particularly that of not imprisoning anyone without a stated cause. The fact that the jailers are all members of the US armed forces (ie. employees of the US government) is brazenly 'glossed over'.

In view of that, I sure would like to hear the explanation for DEA's and FBI's involvement (outside the US, I might add) in a sting operation to entrap and capture a Russian arms dealer Viktor Buto (in November 2010), who thought he was selling weapons to 'Colombian' revolutionaries, in Thailand (from where he was 'picked up' by the DEA).

The prisoners at Guantanamo are so sadistically abused, that if this happened in some US prison's death row wing - to the most heinous of criminals - there would be a public outcry. But the American people seem to be peculiarly blasé about their Cuban outpost.

And the official excuses by the world's diplomats (who are also doing even less than usual - ie. absolutely nothing) run along the same lines, but they carefully avoid a comparison to a rule enshrined in the international law - that an external real estate owned by a government in another country (like an embassy) is deemed to be a sovereign territory of the owner country and thus subject to its laws.

Fred Nicholson.
Westcliff

Post Office news is welcome

AFTER a period of closures, the Post Office has embarked on a big modernisation programme to upgrade half of their sub-offices into new main style branches. This includes our Rainham Post Office in Wennington Road.

The main addition beyond refurbishment is a later closing time of 5.30pm on Saturday and selected services from the retail counter

during shop opening hours. This is very welcome news because our post offices are a vital part of the high street that should be promoted and not closed.

However the refurbishment will require the branch to be closed on Thursday 13 March 13 until the scheduled re-opening on Monday March 31.

During this closure period local residents will still be able to visit their nearest alternative branch at 188 Upminster Road South.

**Cllr David Durant
Rainham and Wennington
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No surprise at cuts for OAPs

IT HOLDS no surprise to me to see how works and pensions secretary Iain Duncan Smith wants to slash the winter fuel allowances for pensioners and scrap their free bus passes and TV licences in a move that would spell misery for millions of people.

So, he finally tore off the mask and revealed the evil face of what his cohort Theresa May described as the nasty party.

This after David Cameron's election pledge to rule out cuts to pensioner's benefits. It is hard to comprehend

how this Tory-led government can inflict so much hurt and panic on our elderly just to save (in the scheme of things) such a paltry sum of money.

Why I say it is no surprise to me is because we know Romford MP Andrew Rosindell wholeheartedly agrees with the shameful cuts and of course voted for them in Parliament.

Our elderly in Romford will never forgive or forget how soon after this MP was elected he paraded his lunatic proposal, which if he had got his way then, they would have lost their Freedom Pass.

Let's hope, if there is any justice, these people pay for their outrageous behaviour at the ballot box.

**Eamonn Mahon
Romford**

What is charity?

'Charity begins at home' is misinterpreted to mean charity ends at home. In fact this wise saying means that charity - the greatest of human virtues and central teaching of all religions - happens because of what good parents teach their children: concern for others,

also known as love.

Now I feel awful for my countrymen affected by floods and I want them to get all the compensation to which they are entitled and all the help they need. But I don't compare their plight to that of mothers, fathers and children who are dying for the want of a cup of clean water, a bowl of rice or a dose of antibiotics. To do that is to teach selfishness and hate.

Ending the worst suffering, everywhere in the world, should be everyone's first priority. Therefore increasing the UK's aid to developing nations, and to the truly needy in our nation, is more important and more urgent than cutting the deficit.

**Edward Bishop
Basildon**

Tax should be in line with cash generation

YOUR correspondent, Len Harrington suggests a 'land tax' based on the market value of a house.

Surely that's how the council tax works?

But for someone who has bought a 'cheap' or 'run down' house and then spent much time, money and labour tarring it up, that is as unfair as the existing system.

A better plan might be to tax each plot of land in proportion to the income it generates, thus the ordinary house would incur no tax at all while business premises would be taxed according to the profit made in the course of trading.

This system would be simple to administer because income tax would be abolished. To put it simply; my bungalow would be subject to no tax, however splendid it might be; the little shop on the corner struggling to stay solvent would pay a little bit of tax and the supermarket or the bank making millions would pay a lot of tax.

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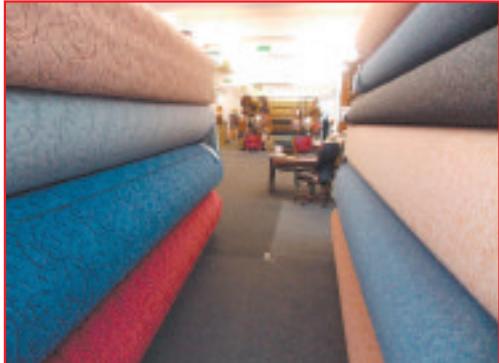
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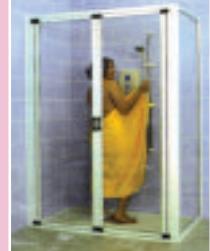
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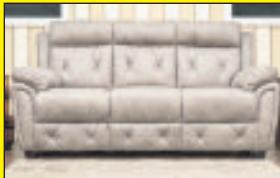
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AMIND-bending evening of entertainment and an hilarious comedy will be helping to raise money for the renovation and upkeep of the Romford War Memorial.

International stage hypnotist, Chris Gillies, and renowned psychic medium, Roy Roberts, will be joining forces for an unforgettable night of unexplainable entertainment at Brookside Theatre, in Eastern Road, Romford, on Saturday, March 1.

Their appearance is part of their national Magical Mystery tour, 'The Two Senses of The Unknown', which sees Chris entertaining the audience for the first half of the show, when he gives a stunning demonstration of the awesome power of the mind by hypnotising volunteers from the audience.

Roy Roberts, who won the title of 'London's Top Medium' in 2009 and is rated as one of the top paranormal investigators in the country, will then take over for the second half of the show to deliver messages from loved ones that have passed to the spirit world.

Jai Sepple, theatre manager, said: "Since we started renovating the War Memorial two years ago, so many extraordinary things have happened here, from a child's wet footsteps appearing across the foyer to cast members confronting 'shadows' that disappeared before their eyes, objects moving across the floor and even an audience member claiming that they had been

'pushed in the toilets'.

"Just prior to our first 'medium' visiting us a stranger turned up and warned us that we should 'be careful'.

"Personally, I am sceptical but then I have seen so many unexplainable goings-on.

"We are all looking forward to discovering what could be uncovered about this historic building and maybe some of our questions can be answered."

Hot on the heels of the Magical Mystery Tour will be Brookside Theatre's refreshed and revived version of the hilarious comedy production, Bouncers, by John Godber, which runs from March 5 to 8.

Set in and around Romford nightclub, Fiction, the story is set in the present day and follows a tale of high hopes, dented dreams and late-night kebabs.

The hit comedy, about the darker side of Essex night-life, focuses on the exploits of the four doormen - Les, Judd, Ralph and Lucky Eric - as they prepare for another Friday night's debauchery. Meanwhile Suzie and the girls are out on the town, as are Kev and his mates who are always on the pull.

What follows is a theatrical treat as the four bouncers play ALL the characters with hysterical consequences. With plenty of glitz glamour, flashing lights and a pulsating soundtrack, this is vibrant, engaging theatre production bursting with imagination and humour.

Packed with slamming shots, cheeky behaviour and raw energy, this award-win-



DOORMEN: The cast of Bouncers

ning and hilarious show is the mastermind of John Godber, whose work is performed across the globe giving him the distinction of being one of the most performed writers in the English language. He has won numerous awards for his plays including an Olivier award and seven Los Angeles Critics Circle Awards. As well as Bouncers, his plays include Up 'n' Under, September In The Rain, Salt Of The Earth, Passion Killers, Going Dutch, Christmas Crackers and most recently, Crown Prince.

During his extensive career in writing and directing in television and film, John also devised the BBC2 series Chalkface and his screenplay My Kingdom For A Horse starring Sean Bean, which was nominated for an alternative BAFTA award.

John's first feature film, Up 'n' Under, was released in January 1998 and in 2005 he co-wrote 'Odd Squad' for BBC2 with his wife Jane. Odd Squad won two British Academy of Film and Television Arts Awards in the Schools' Drama category and in the BAFTA original writer section.

Brookside Theatre's production of Bouncers, directed by Barry Hester and produced by the same team behind last year's hugely success production of 'The Woman In Black', is brought to life by a multi-talented

cast which includes Kevin Richards as 'Lucky Eric', Barry Hester as 'Judd', Paul Ewen as 'Ralph' and the Brookside Theatre's very own theatre manager, Jai Sepple as 'Les'.

Jai said: "I've wanted to bring John Godber's most popular play to the Brookside Theatre for some time now and this spring seems like the perfect time to do it.

"With Barry at the helm, a laugh a minute script and with a talented cast lined up, there is no doubt that this is going to become a firm favourite with the Brookside Theatre audiences and a true highlight of our season."

Barry added: "I am thrilled to be on board with a Brookside Theatre production and to be bringing Godber's masterpiece to life with such a stellar cast; the chemistry between the four actors is just magical."

"If you're name's not down, you're not coming in...", so make sure you get your tickets.

*For further information and tickets to the Magical Mystery Tour, which cost £15, and Bouncers, which cost £13 or £10 for concessions, call the theatre Box Office on 01708 755775 or book online at www.brooksidetheatre.com



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YA features reporter Liz Wade goes out and about with her boys



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Wrest Park is in the process of being brought back to life after spending virtually decades behind closed doors.

While some of its overgrown gardens have now been restored, more work needs to be done at the 90 acre historic site which includes a French-style mansion.

After taking over the site and opening its doors to the public in 2006, English Heritage launched a Revitalisation Project in 2010, funded by themselves, the Heritage Lottery Fund and the J Paul Getty Jnr Charitable Trust.

Visitors can now stroll in its recently restored Italian Garden and recreated Rose and American Gardens, and enjoy miles of reinstated historic pathways that weave their way around garden buildings, a pavilion and statues.

You can also take an audio tour and discover more about the property on foot, wander around a new sculpture gallery, visit its café in the walled garden, enjoy the play area if you have youngsters in tow, and

tour an interactive exhibition in the Bowling Green House that brings personalities from the past to life.

Two new exhibitions can also be enjoyed in the mansion, one telling the story of the estate and the other telling the history of the de Grey family. The French Chateau style mansion was built by Thomas de Grey on the site of demolished medieval mansion, between 1834 and 1839, who also created the Upper Gardens.

Each generation of the family left their mark on the estate, including two other personalities - Henry, duke of Kent, who laid out the massive formal woodland gardens in the early 18th century and Jemima, Marchioness de Grey, who softened the edges of the garden after 1740 in line with the then fashionable English landscape style.

As well as the exhibitions inside the house, other areas of the mansion can also be explored including the staircase hall, the library which served as the de Grey family's living room, and the drawing room with its ceiling painting of wispy-

draped 1830s ladies.

Wrest Park, which was sold by the de Grey family in 1917 after the 9th Baron Lucas was killed in action as a pilot in the Royal Flying Corps, was used as a military hospital during the First World War, was bought by brewing and mining magnate, John George Murray, and then the Sun Insurance Company for use as their wartime headquarters, before being acquired by the Silso Institute in later years and finally being taken over by English Heritage.

The next part of the Revitalisation Project will be to repair a leak to the canal known as Ladies Lake, and install new boards and paths around its perimeter, while a longer 20-year master plan will include work on the sites' Great Garden to reveal lost aspects of its woodlands and the serpentine paths within them.

Once complete, Wrest Park will be one of the few places in the world where visitors can see the evolution of landscape gardening over the last 300 years, and will



take its place amongst the country's great garden attractions.

As well as opening Wrest Park to visitors during the weekends, English Heritage is inviting people who are curious about volunteering to come along to an open day at the mansion house on Saturday, March 1, between 11am and 2pm, to find out about opportunities to

get involved, from welcoming visitors to helping to care for this fantastic house and gardens.

For further information about Wrest Park, in Bedfordshire, visit www.english-heritage.org.uk or for more details about volunteering visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/volunteering or call 01793 445009.

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- Meeting, Brush Strokes Art Group, Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, every Saturday 9.15am-12.15pm, new members welcome. 01277 627043.
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- Indoor Bowls, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over 50s, Mondays 2-4pm, Tuesdays 2.15-4.45pm, Wednesdays 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.

Tuesday, March 4

- Evening of clairvoyance at St Cecilia's Christian Spiritual Church, 9 Lord Roberts Ave, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 1ND. Starts at 7.15pm. £2. Enquiries call Anne 01702 556 470.
- Tea dance, St Cedds church, Bridgewater Dr, Westcliff 1.45pm. Ballroom, sequence and line dance. All welcome friendly group 07767406194.
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- Weekly Craft Group, Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Leigh, 2.30-4pm. No charge or booking required. Emma 01702 471873.
- Willows Park Short Mat Bowls Club require new or experienced players. We meet at the James Hornsby School, Laindon weekly. First session free call or text Alan on 07952 043456.
- Folk Music, The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, 'Steve Tilston', 8pm. 01702 715111.
- Tea Dance, Ashingdon Memorial Hall, Ashingdon Road, Rochford, ballroom, Latin and sequence, every Tuesday 2-4pm. 01702 584575.
- Health Walk, Salvation Army, Hadleigh, 10.30am, meet Castle Lane car park, Hadleigh, every Tuesday details 01702 318121.
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- George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50's. Keep fit: 10-11am, Sit down keep fit: 10-11am, Salsa/Ballroom: 11.30am-12.30pm, Sequence Dance: 12.30-1.15pm, Art: 1.30-3.30pm, Indoor bowls: 1.30-3.30pm, £2, 01268 465854.
- Belvedere Jazz Club, The Chichester, Rawreth, Wickford. Tim Huskiss's variety jazz with Heather Simmons, 8-10.30pm, £10, all welcome, Meal & Lite Bites from 6.30pm, 07850 607075.
- Graham's Social Tea Dance, every Wednesday, Richmond Hall, Richmond Ave, Benfleet. Light hearted afternoon, Ballroom & Latin and sequence dances for dancers of all abilities. 2-4.25pm, large free car park, strictly over 18's, £4 per person. 01268 752473.
- George Hurd Centre, Basildon, for the over 50's. Beading, 10am-12pm. £2, 01268 465854.
- Indoor Carpet Bowls, St Edmunds Hall, Pantile Avenue, Southend, every Wednesday 2-4pm, further details contact Olive 01702 309280.
- Played Bowls Before? Come and try it at FS&S Club, Gardeners Close, Basildon, all weather green, free coaching given, regular club mornings, call Chris 01268 419831.
- Breathing Exercise Group, run by Breathe Easy Basildon, Steeple View Memorial Hall, Wednesdays 1-2.30pm, if you have COPD or recently finished from Pulmonary rehabilitation call Honorie 01268 574390 for further details.
- Leigh Singles Social Club, Bellini's, London Road, Leigh, for ages 45-65, every Wednesday 8pm. www.leighsingles.co.uk
- Social Afternoon of Ballroom and Latin Dancing, Mill Hall, Rayleigh, every Wednesday 1.45-4.15pm, with Pat and Bob. 01702 544112.
- Line Dancing Lessons, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh, every Wednesday 12.30-2.30pm, helping to raise funds for the church hall. 01268 281488.
- Afternoon Tea Dance, Richmond Hall, High Road, Benfleet, (entrance off Richmond Avenue), large free car park, every Wednesday 2-4.30pm, £4 per person, includes refreshments, strictly over 18's. 01268 752473.
- Health Walk, Canvey Sea Wall, 10.30am, meet Labworth car park, Canvey Island, every Wednesday, details 7.30pm and Sundays 6.30pm.

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- Meeting, Al Anon, International Support Group for families, wives, husbands, friends of alcoholics and other addicts, 1 Sutton Road, All Saints Church (Vicarage), Southchurch, Southend, Wednesdays 7.30pm, all welcome (non-denominational).
- Pulse Drum Club, St David's Church Hall, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, every Wednesday 3.45pm - 4.45pm, £3 per session. 01702 540111.
- Activity Sessions, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, (term time only), for children with special needs aged 5-18, free admission, siblings welcome, details 01268 779100.
- Palace Writers Group, every Wednesday 7.30pm, alternating venues with the Palace and Cliffs Pavilion, open mic events and public readings planned, further details Emily 01702 390472.

Thursday, March 6

- St John's (Billericay) Cricket Club Nets, 9:15pm Essex CC

We are a friendly and well-run club who welcomes players of all abilities. Anyone thinking about joining the club is encouraged to come along for a net session - please email stjohnsbillericay@hotmail.co.uk or call 01277 651718.

- George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50's. Line Dancing: 1-2pm, Computer £3: 1-3.30pm, Indoor Bowls: 2.15-4.15pm, Bridge 9.30am-12.30pm, Ceramics, 1.30-3pm. £2, 01268 465854.

- Music, The Maritime Room, Cliffs Pavilion, Southend, 'Chris Standing', admission £15 on door, students £7 with valid photo card, doors open 8pm, music from 8.30-11pm.

- Health Walk, Hockley Woods, 10.45am, car parking in Hockley Woods Car Park, every Thursday, details 01702 318121.

- Jive classes every Thursday at Ambleside Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, from 8pm, £5 (first night free), all ages welcome, no need to bring a partner. 07771 831507.

- Buddies Over 50 Singles Club, Anchor Pub, Benfleet, 8.30pm every Thursday, meet new friends, varied social activities, further details Dee, 01268 565045.

- Meeting, Westcliff National Spiritualist Church, Hildaville Drive, Westcliff, every service we have mediums that demonstrate clairvoyance, Thursdays 7.30pm and Sundays 6.30pm.

- Pottery, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50's, every Thursday 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.
- Coffee, Cake and Chat, WI Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, ladies and gentlemen, join us every Thursday 2pm, further details Di 07952 148636 or Linda 07504 114762.
- Stalls in Outpatients Department, next to post box, Southend Hospital, books, bric-a-brac, hand knits etc, every Thursday 8.30am-3.30pm, all proceeds to Bosom Pals Appeal.
- Tea Dance, St James' Church Hall, Elmleigh Drive, Leigh, ballroom, Latin and sequence, every Thursday 2-4.15pm. 01267 216726.

- Ceramics, The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Thursday 2-4pm, details 01268 465854.

- Why not try Carpet Bowls, The Salvation Army Hall, Elm Road, Leigh, Thursdays 2-4pm, 4, first 3 weeks free, details 01702 553546.

- Short Mat Bowls, Willows Park, James Hornsby School, Leinster Road, Laindon, every Thursday 7.30pm, first 3 weeks free, details 01277 625027.

- Clairvoyance, Shoebury Spiritual Centre, The Sandpiper Community Centre, Sandpiper Close, Shoebury, Thursdays 8-10pm, free healing, admission £3. 01702 476087.

- Alzheimer's Society, Ladies Group, for ladies living with dementia, 1-3pm, St Edmunds Community Centre, St Edmunds Close, SS2 4AS 01702 345156.

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- Table Tennis, St Andrew's Church Hall, Church Road, Shoebury, every Friday 2-4pm, 01702 296708.

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- Runwell Art Club, lively friendly group of people wishing to expand their membership every Friday 10am-1pm, £3 per session, all abilities welcome, further details Carole 01268 560005 or Paula 01268 734436.

- Sequence Dancing, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Friday 2.15-3.15pm. 01268 465854.

- Book Club, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Friday 10-11am. 01268 465854.

- Drama Classes, Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, The Stables, Chalkwell Park Drive, Leigh, not a stage school, designed to increase children's life skills, Fridays after school, to enrol call Dina 01245 328680.

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In addition there's a Chef's Special board to view and a Children's Menu offering a variety of dishes for just £4.95, from Monday to Saturday.

If you have room for more then its Dessert Menu is to die for! The restaurant has built up a reputation for its mega-choice of excellent, monster-size delicious ice creams plus of course other desserts such as pancakes, waffles, chocolate fudge gateau etc.

This menu has now been extended with new exciting ice creams on offer such as the mouth-watering Tuck Shop Treasures and Fluff-a-Gum, both evoking memories of bubble gum flavours enjoyed in childhood, Sunkissed Surprise, Mallow Magic and Hazeltoff, and for those who want something a little more exotic, 'Ruby Royale', a delicious dish of vanilla & cherry ice cream, black cherries, raspberry sauce, cherry brandy liqueur and cream, plus many, many more fantastic offerings.

Spaghetti Junction offers a range of deals from Monday to Friday evenings. Diners can enjoy the new Pizza and Pasta Menu, now offering a wider choice of starters and pasta or pizza, for £8.95; the Special New Duo Menu, from Monday to Friday evening, with main course and dessert for £9.95; and a three-course set menu for the fantastic price of £15.95. On Saturday evenings there is also a special three-course menu for £22.50.

The restaurant has also introduced Gluten Free



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Spaghetti Junction is now taking bookings for Mother's Day on Sunday, March 30. The restaurant will be open from 12 noon to 7pm and anyone interested is urged to book early to avoid disappointment.

The restaurant, situated at 767 London Road, Westcliff (opposite Chalkwell Park), is open from Monday to Saturday evenings from 6pm till late.

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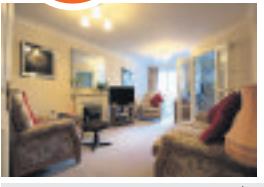



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Leigh-on-sea £P.O.A.

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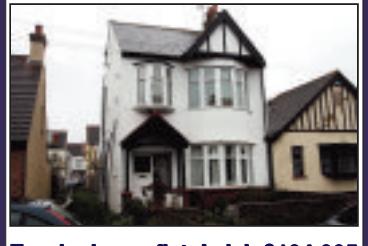
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Somerset Estate, Westcliff £259,995

Internal viewing is essential to fully appreciate this exceptional three bedroom bungalow situated on the sought after Somerset Estate. Garage with impressive block paved and shingle driveway and parking area, cloaks/w.c., luxury bathroom, Lounge with doors leading out to lovely conservatory, 10'9 x 9'1 extensively fitted kitchen which is open plan to the conservatory. The bungalow is arranged as a three bedroom property but one of the bedrooms could easily be used as a dining room. Very attractive gardens with feature decking patios. Keys available for viewing appointments. Ref etl5193



Two bedroom flat, Leigh £194,995

South London Road location, walking distance of Leigh Rd/ Leigh Broadway and Chalkwell Station. Two bedrooms plus 17' x 12' attic room, spacious lounge, modern fitted kitchen and bathroom, gas c/h and double glazing, small decked garden. Earl viewing advised. Ref etl5196

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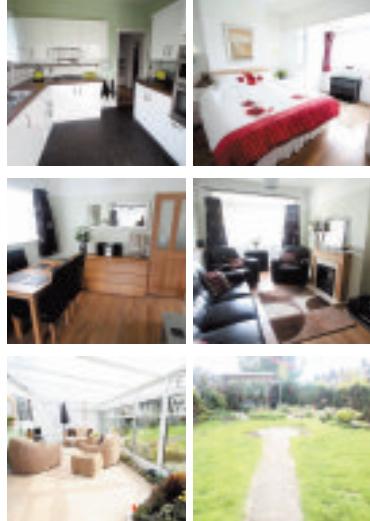
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Immaculately Maintained

Fitted kitchen

Lounge/diner

Conservatory

Two bedrooms

South backing garden

Shower room

Off street parking

Bathroom/wc

Garage

Southend On Sea £184,995



Spacious second floor purpose built apartment being well maintained with modern fixtures and fittings throughout. The property benefits from open plan living area including front and rear balconies. The property has two double bedrooms, main with en-suite shower room and wc as well as further bathroom/wc. The property is situated within the Clifftown Conservation Area borders within close proximity to cliff gardens, station and Town centre. No onward chain.

Southend On Sea £199,950



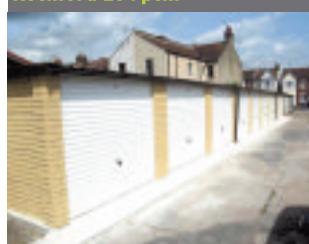
Two bedroom ground floor apartment located in the much sought after Clifftown Conservation Area within easy walking distance of the High Street, the flat has been refurbished. Immaculate kitchen and bathroom, spacious living accommodation offering early vacant possession.

Southend On Sea £180,500



Being situated within the sought after Clifftown Conservation Area, close to town centre is this stunning lower ground floor apartment benefitting from a large lounge/diner and offering two good size bedrooms. There is a fitted kitchen and a spacious shower room with a separate wc and the property is offering no onward chain.

Rochford £54 pcm



Garage to rent £160 per quarter. Oxford Road, Rochford. Call for further details.

Westcliff On Sea £620 pcm



First floor apartment situated within a central location of Westcliff, South of the London Road just off of Hamlet Court Road. Lounge with open plan kitchen area, integrated four ring gas hob with oven and grill under and extractor fan, plumbing and recess for washing machine, recess for refrigerator, two bedrooms, one double and one large single, bathroom/wc with white suite and chrome fittings with shower attachment over the bath, full double glazing and gas central heating, fully self contained.

Westcliff On Sea £600 pcm



Central location of Westcliff is this large fully self contained first floor flat, lounge/diner, fitted kitchen with electric four ring gas hob with integrated oven and grill, plumbing and recess for washing machine, two double bedrooms, bathroom with mixer tap and shower attachment, separate wc, double glazing and gas central heating, whole of the front garden with off street parking.

Leigh On Sea £800 pcm



Spacious purpose built 5th floor apartment offering fantastic seaviews over the Thames Estuary. There is a large lounge/diner with an enclosed double glazed balcony, two double bedrooms, kitchen with cooker, upright fridge/freezer and washing machine (left as good will gesture), bathroom/wc with electric shower over, gas central heating/full double glazing.

Leigh On Sea £625 pcm



First floor apartment situated within a sought after location of Leigh being South of Leigh Road and close to Chalkwell station. Spacious lounge, one double bedroom, further second small bedroom/study, fitted kitchen with enclosed balcony and stairs to garden, utility room with plumbing for washing machine, bathroom/wc with shower bath, full gas central heating, own area of rear garden.

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Leigh-On-Sea £675

- First Floor Apartment
- Beautifully Presented
- Walking distance to Broadway
- Close to Shops and Bars
- Close to Leigh Stns
- Kitchen Breakfast Room
- Lounge Diner
- Double Glazed/ GCH

Not to be Missed



Southend-On-Sea

- 2 Bedroom Apartment
- Master with Ensuite
- Close to Seafrot
- Fully Redecorated
- Allocated Parking
- Lovely Kitchen
- Employed Applicants
- Available Now
- Keys Held for Viewings

New Instruction



Leigh-On-Sea

£850

- One Double Bedroom
- Ground Floor Flat
- Allocated Parking
- Close to Broadway
- Fantastic Condition
- Not to Be Missed
- Employed Applicants
- Available Now

New Instruction



Westcliff-On-Sea

£600

- Studio Apartment
- 2nd Floor with VIEWS
- Newly Decorated
- Communal Parking
- Heating Bills Included
- Over 55's Only
- Dss Considered
- Available Now

Stop / Circle / View



Shoeburyness

- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Semi-Detached Home
- Peaceful Location
- Modern Interior
- Parking for Two
- Close to Beach
- Employed Applicants
- Available Now
- Keys Held for Viewings

New Instruction



Rochford

£625

- One Double Bedroom
- Ground Floor Apartment
- ALLOCATED PARKING
- Modern Kitchen
- Laminate Flooring
- Lovely Condition
- Employed Applicants
- Available 21st Feb

New Instruction



Benfleet

£650

- 2 Double Bedrooms
- 1st Floor Flat
- Freshly Decorated
- Own Front Door
- Close to Amenities
- Fully Double Glazed
- Dss Considered
- Available Now

New Instruction



Leigh-On-Sea

£675

- First Floor Apartment
- Beautifully Presented
- Walking distance to Broadway
- Close to Shops and Bars
- Close to Leigh Stns
- Kitchen Breakfast Room
- Lounge Diner
- Double Glazed/ GCH

New Instruction



Westcliff-On-Sea

£750

- 3 Bedroom Flat
- Central Westcliff
- Laminated Wooden Flooring
- DG and GCH
- Modern Kitchen
- Pleasing Decoration
- Available Now

New Instruction



Leigh-On-Sea

£750

- 2 Spacious Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Flat
- Plenty of Storage
- Allocated Parking
- Peaceful Location
- Modern Kitchen
- Employed Applicants
- Available 12th March

New Instruction



Shoeburyness

£775

- 2 Bed Apartment
- Own Front Door
- Balcony Available
- Off-Street Parking
- Close to C2C Line
- Close to Beach
- Employed Applicants
- Available 15th March

New Instruction



Shoeburyness

£975

- 3 Bedroom Home
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- Pleasing Decor Throughout
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- Employed Applicants
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Southend-On-Sea

£199,995

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Vacant possession



Southend

- Open Plan Living
- Ideal First Purchase
- Close to S-E Station
- Modern Interior
- No Chain
- Available Now to View
- Lift Service
- Currently Tenanted
- Two Bedrooms

Close to Broadway



Leigh On Sea

£199,995

- Two Bedrooms
- Ground Floor
- Walking distance to Broadway
- Communal Gym
- Allocated Parking
- No Onward Chain
- Currently rented
- Fully Fitted Kitchen

Village Life



Rochford

- Larger Than Average Corner Plot
- Two Sections of Garden
- Water Feature
- Extended to Side
- Own Drive
- En Suite to Master Bedroom
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- No Onward Chain
- Detached Garage

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Southend-On-Sea

£109,995

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Most experts, including those from the Electrical Safety Council, recommend landlords make a visual inspection of all the electrical appliances provided within each rented property so check cables aren't worn or that plugs are damaged. It is also recommended that any new items feature the 'CE' kite mark which is the manufacturer's claim that it meets all European safety legislation.

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A visual examination is the most important factor, but if an item were to short and then catch fire then being able to prove that it had been PAT checked recently (every two years for smaller items and four years for larger ones) would help matters.

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For the sake of argument, I'm assuming that you did buy it jointly, and that it is in both your names. However, there are actually two different types of joint ownership - and you need to check.

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Of course, if you are married, or in a civil partnership, then that's not a problem, since the spouse automatically comes top of the list. But if you're not, and therefore from a legal standpoint you are only co-habiting, then the only recourse open to the surviving co-owner would be to buy out the deceased's share.

Either way, to be on the safe side, I would advise making two so called "mirror wills." These basically do what it says on the tin - they match and reflect each other, so that in the event that either party dies, the survivor is equally protected.

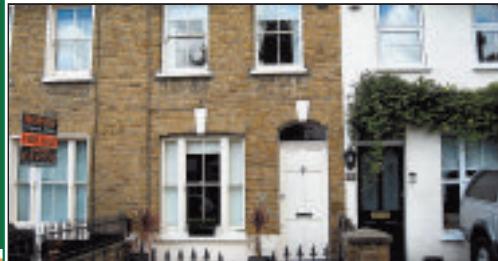
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Just a mini-makeover

SPRING in the air and a second generation version of Britain's favourite home-grown car, the MINI, is set to woo a new wave of car fans. While quite clearly a MINI, the newcomer is slightly larger than

by Mike Torpey

the current version – four inches longer and two inches wider to be exact – and is the result of a £750 million UK investment by MINI's parent company BMW.

Styling changes see a larger grille that's more faithful to the original 1959 Mini and there are now LED running lights around the headlamps and a spoiler above the tailgate. Inside, the large centre dial becomes a hi-tech display screen, complete with icons, while the speedo and rev counter are now ahead of the driver in a cabin that boasts a clear shift upmarket.

All models are fitted with stop/start systems which

MINI claims has helped to improve fuel economy by up to 27 per cent while delivering stronger performance.

The boot has grown a third to 211 litres while underfloor storage can be specified as well as folding rear seats.

The new car come in the classic MINI hatch style in Cooper, Cooper S and Cooper D specs, powered by a range of three- and four-cylinder engines. The star of the show is the new three-cylinder 1.5-litre diesel Cooper D which slashes emissions down to 92g/km compared to 99g/km in the current car. Average fuel consumption is a claimed 80.7mpg with the car sitting on 15-inch alloy wheels.

Zero to 60 is a lively 9.2 seconds while the Cooper S, with a four-cylinder two-litre petrol engine shaves that down to less than seven seconds.

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- Second year running "shockingly affordable" Dacia model has taken title
- Parent company Renault scoops three prizes for show-stopping Megane Renaultsport 265 Cup, ZOE Expression and Captur

Bargain hunters have again been told to "look no further" than Dacia's What Car? Car of the Year 2014 smart buy winner. The Dacia Sandero 1.2 Ambiance retained its 'Best Small Car for less than £12,000' title at a glitzy ceremony at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, last night.

Hailed by judges as "one of the cheapest new cars on sale today", it cruised past its rivals despite coming in, at £6,795, almost half the maximum price allowed for its category.

It's the second year running that the "shockingly affordable" brand Dacia has eagerly snapped up the supermini honours at the What Car? Awards with its high-selling Sandero.

"Where the Sandero really excels is practicality," said the judges. "There's loads of room for four, with excellent leg and headroom, and one of the largest boots in the class. The Sandero offers an extraordinary amount of space for not a lot of money."

The What Car? COTY Awards are given out only to the cars that set the highest standards in their class, and it is considered

to be one of the biggest and best dates on the UK automotive calendar.

The judging panel, who drove thousands of miles testing a wide range of vehicles in deciding the prizes, added: "On the road the Sandero is competent, offering reasonable grip and excellent visibility...safety equipment is competitive, and includes four airbags, emergency brake assist and stability control."

"At £6,595 our chosen model is one of the cheapest new cars on sale today. That it comes with a three-year, 60,000-mile warranty only adds to its appeal."

Elsewhere on a storming evening in London for the Renault Group, its 100 per cent ZOE Expression won 'Best Green Car for less than £15,000' and Captur was hailed 'Best Small SUV for under £16,000'. Star of the show was the "untouchable" Megane Renaultsport 265 Cup after it collected its fifth What Car? Car of the Year Award on the bounce.

The Sandero was previously named best budget motor at the Scottish Car of the Year Awards, and the What Car? trophy is yet another in a succession of title triumphs since Dacia began to take the UK by storm last year.

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BEATLEMANIA: The Bentley owned by Beatles manager Brian Epstein is up for sale

**He owned it,
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By Mike Torpey

THE Bentley S3 once owned by Beatles manager Brian Epstein could sell for £70,000 at auction next month.

The car, first registered 50 years ago on February 18, 1964, was Epstein's first brand-new Bentley and still bears the original AJB 400B registration number.

It is estimated that Epstein, known as 'Mr 25 Per Cent' due to his cut of The Beatles' gross income, earned £75 million in today's money and spent some of it on buying this car to replace his second-hand Bentley S1.

He ordered it in late 1963, with some assistance from the Beatles' press officer Derek Taylor. The car was then collected from the dealer by Taylor and Lonnie Trimble, Epstein's valet/chauffeur, as he was in the USA with the group.

On February 22, 1964, The Beatles and Brian returned to the UK after appearing on the Ed Sullivan show and Taylor and Trimble were at Heathrow airport to collect Epstein in the new Bentley. Interviewed by Pathé News and asked "The four of you are going to be millionaires. Have you got time to

actually spend this money?" the Beatles replied in unison: "What money?" And in response to: "Doesn't he [Brian Epstein] give any to you?" George Harrison retorted: "No, no. Have you seen that car of his?"

Two years later Epstein sold the car to a company called Sidney J. Dicks Ltd, while subsequent owners include a London solicitor and Norman Boyack, a theatrical agent.

In the same ownership for more than 25 years, the S3 comes with a thick history file, detailing a bare metal re-spray as well as piston ring replacement and engine over-haul. The file also has copies of the original history sheet and chassis listing, DVLA and previous-owner correspondence, copies of press cuttings, a copy of the owner's manual plus some expired MoTs and tax discs.

The car is currently taxed and MoT'd, and includes a tool kit with jack and spare wheel, though the original radio has been converted to one that receives the FM signal.

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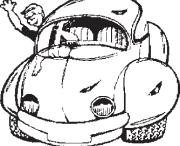
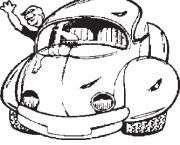
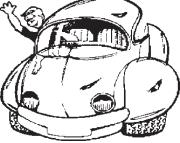
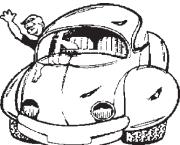
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Baseball



RECOGNITION: Mike Jones

Volunteer wins national award

REDBACKS Baseball & Softball Volunteer Michael Jones has been awarded BaseballSoftballUK's Young Baseball Volunteer of the Year award.

Havering resident Jones, 25, was nominated by Regional Development Officer Liz Knight for his consistent efforts in promoting and publicising the sport as well as helping develop softball in Essex.

Jones was also the driving force from within the Redbacks to set up a softball programme in Chelmsford and Billericay as an extension of the club's current offer of baseball for players of all ages.

Jones said: "It's an honour to receive this award and have national recognition for the work that we do at the club. We have always wanted to obtain excellence at all levels, from the way we play on the field to the way our club members and volunteers help spur on success off it."

Charity match

LULLABY Trust have been selected as the charity beneficiaries from a charity football match between Southminster & Norton and a Southend United XI on Sunday 11th May, with a Family Fun Day allied to the day's events at Burnham Ramblers FC's Leslie Field ground.

Snooker

STUART Bingham insists he is more than happy to reschedule a flight to China if it means he has reached the final of the Welsh Open.

Bingham was runner-up to Stephen Maguire at last year's tournament in Wales, losing 9-8 in the final, but has struggled to reach his best form since the turn of the year.

The 37-year-old admits he has struggled to concentrate on his game since Christmas.

Bingham reached the final of January's Shoot-Out, but won only one game in his Champions League group and went out in the first round of the Masters and German Masters and second round of the

Gdynia Open in Poland.

But the Basildon potter hopes he will be able to use his experiences from last year's tournament to go one step better this time around – even if it means messing with his schedule.

"I've got good memories from last year and hopefully this will be the tournament where I can get back to winning ways," said Bingham, who starts his tilt on the title on Friday.

"I've got Daniel Wells, a Welsh lad, in my first game so he will have the home support."

"The fact that I've beaten Daniel in the past doesn't really make a difference. The way things are going for me at the moment it all depends on what happens on the day."

"If I can produce some form

similar to what I did last year then I fancy winning it."

"I'm playing in the APTC near Guangzhou a few days after the Welsh Open. I've booked my flight for the day of the Welsh final so hopefully I will have to delay it."

Despite recent results, Bingham believes he is only a couple of wins away from going on a good run.

"I just need to try and find my game and get that spark back."

● *British Eurosport is the Home of Snooker, showing 19 tournaments this season including the World Championship, UK Championship, the Masters and all ranking events, available on Sky, Virgin Media & BT or online/on mobile via: eurosportplayer.co.uk*

In form Gulls strike again

Football

Grays 1 Canvey Island 4

CANVEY striker Jay Curran is just a whisker short of a century of goals following the side's 4-1 away win over Essex rivals Grays Athletic.

The 27-year-old, who started on 82 goals at the start of the season, is hoping to reach the milestone before the close of the Ryman Premier League in April.

The popular striker, who was named Man of the Match in Canvey's 2-1 win over Dulwich Hamlet, could only manage an assist at Grays.

Canvey are the in-form team, having won their last three games, and could make a late surge for a play-off place despite being 11 points short of fifth place.

Grays took the lead after only two minutes through Ruddock Yala.

However, Canvey picked up the pace and dominated the game.

Nick Humphrey headed the Gulls level from Sheldon Sellears' free kick on 23 minutes before midfielder Harrison Chatting scored seven minutes later after putting the ball through Lloyd Anderson's legs. Grays missed the opportunity to equalise when 18-year-old goalkeeper Gines Guzman Rosique saved Danny Bunce's penalty just before half time.

The missed proved costly as John Sands smashed the ball into the net on 41-minutes.

The second half was scrappy with both teams failing to keep the ball.

Canvey killed off the game ten minutes into the second half when Mike Jones found the net following another Sellears' dead ball.

■ Canvey FC were due to play



Jay Curran gets ever closer to his century

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AFC Hornchurch on Tuesday as Yellow Sport went to press.

Grays Athletic: Lloyd Anderson, Craig Pope, Lee Flynn, Phil Anderson, Ruddock Yala, Ben Osman, Jon Docker (64), Kenny Beaney, Joel Nouble (71), Danny Bunce, Jared Small (51). Subs: Ryan Maxwell, Dan Fry (64), Dan Day (71), Joao Carlos

(51), Ryan Kirby.
Canvey Island: Gines Guzman Rosique, James Hawes, Ashley Dumas, Matt Game (70), Rob Bartley, Nick Humphrey (86), Sheldon Sellears (80), Mike Jones, Jay Curran, Jon Sands, Harrison Chatting. Subs: Callum Webb, Scott Kinch (70), Rio Bryan-Edwards (86), Tom Strickland (80), Jason Hallett.

Football

Tough weekend for Skrill clubs

Non-League round up by Brian Jeeves

IT was a weekend of disappointment for the regions Skrill Conference South clubs with both Chelmsford City and Concord Rangers crashing to home defeats.

City were beaten 3-0 at Melbourne Stadium by Maidenhead United. The visitors took control, scoring twice in the opening 15 minutes through Solomon and Grant.

Despite a spirited second half from the Claretts, a last minute strike from Constant wrapped up a comprehensive victory for the visitors. And it was two first half goals from Bishops Stortford that undid Concord Rangers at the Aspect Arena. Francis and an own goal from Goodacre compounded the Beach Boys' misery.

In the Ryman Premier Division, Canvey Island were the big winners, crushing local rivals Grays Athletic by four goals to one.

George Purcell snatched an early goal for AFC Hornchurch at Bognor Regis Town. However, the home side levelled midway through the second half through Oliver Pearce to grab a share of the spoils, while East Thurrock United were well beaten, 3-0 at in-form Dulwich Hamlet.

There wasn't much joy for our clubs in the Ryman North. Tilbury went down 1-0 at AFC Sudbury while Brentwood Town scored through Alex Akrofi but visitors Needham Market won 3-1.

Heybridge Swifts were involved in an entertaining affair at Erith & Belvedere, but eventually went down 3-2, and it was the same score line at Soham Town Rangers where a last minute goal saw Burnham Ramblers who netted through Mark Sission and Billy Hunt.

Maldon & Tiptree drew 2-2 with Barkingside, Bobbie Port and Charlie Liddiard finding the net for a 4-4 draw. Redbridge drew 1-1 with Cheshunt and there were no goals in the game between Witham Town and Romford. There was better news for Thurrock, who beat Wroxham 2-1 at Ship Lane, and Aveley, who triumphed by the same score at Waltham Forest.

Local fans finally had some Essex Senior League action to chew the fat over. Great Wakering Rovers returned to the top of the table after a hard fought derby win over Southend Manor. A penalty from Aaron Baldwin along with a Antonio Mehmeti strike put Rovers in command, but Manor hit back in the second period through Charlie Little to ensure a grandstand finish at Burroughs Park.

Clapton's supporters are still scratching their heads in disbelief over the bizarre sacking of coach Neil Day. But the Tons continued to upset the league's in-form teams by taking a point off highflying Enfield 1893 at the Old Spotted Dog. In fact, it could have been even better for Clapton had Junior's stoppage time spot kick not cancelled out Sam Omojola's early opener.

A hat trick from Nyanga helped London APSA to an entertaining 4-2 win at Barking, while in form Tower Hamlets were held 1-1 at FC Romania.

Sawbridgeworth Town won 2-0 at Ilford, and Eton Manor clinched a tight encounter at Takeley by 2-1.

There were hard earned draws for Basildon United and Bowers & Pitsea. The Bees game at Sporting Bengal United ended 2-2. Angelo Ogunseye grabbed both Basildon goals while Sporting Bengal finished the game with nine-men following two red cards. George Smith found the net for Bowers, whose visit to Stansted finished 1-1.

A few more games managed to beat the weather in the Essex Olympian League. Pick of the action was in Senior Division Two where a brace each from Jack Main and Tom Wright helped Basildon Town to a 4-3 success at Toby FC.

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